

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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Water Quality Scientist
Environmental Management Program
Department of Natural Resources
Hourly Wage: \$22.59/Regular/Full-Time

Employee in this position is responsible to assist the Yakama Nation Environmental Program to address water quality issues as they pertain to the interests of the Yakama Nation. Duties include the investigation, development and implementation of a strategy and plan for the control of suspended sediments in agricultural return drains on the Yakama Reservation in accordance with the Clean Water Act. Will assist the Program Manager in identifying policies, regulations, conditions and issues with regard to suspended sediment loads which originate primarily from Reservation agricultural lands. Will assist in identifying opportunities which may be available for addressing suspended sediment issues. Will investigate and make recommendations for water quality controls. Activities and efforts will be coordinated among U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, other tribal natural resources programs, U.S.D.O.I. – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other agencies as appropriate. Prepares reports and makes presentations to Yakama Tribal Government, Federal or other agencies, and concerned Tribal and/or non-Tribal public.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of water quality concepts, issues, impacts and programs.
- Knowledge of Tribal, Federal and State environmental laws, regulations and programs designed to assist in obtaining water quality improvement goals.
- Knowledge of the Clean Water Act and mechanisms available for suspended sediment pollution management.
- Ability and desire to understand and respect the unique legal and cultural status of the Yakama Nation, and the willingness to aid in balancing the preservation of traditional cultural values with contemporary values related to water.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to communicate effectively to all audiences in oral and written reports and presentations.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- A Bachelor's Degree or higher in environmental sciences, hydrology/water sciences, or other related fields, and a minimum of two years' experience in the field of water quality or closely related environmental planning and management projects. Or,
- A Master's Degree or higher in one of the above listed fields, and a minimum of one year experience in the field of water quality or closely related environmental planning and management projects.
- Valid Washington State Driver's License.
- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.